

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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August 21, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 August 21, 2012

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
WATER MAINLINE CONSTRUCTION
MARINA DEL REY 18-INCH WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, PHASE IIIA
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF MARINA DEL REY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the project to replace a waterline for Marina del Rey 18-inch Waterline Replacement, Phase IIIA, in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for the replacement of a waterline, in the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$650,000 and \$900,000.
- 2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on September 18, 2012, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.
- 3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within

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the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

4. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board; adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the replacement of a water mainline and the performance of other appurtenant work.

# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved water service, which will benefit the community.

# **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$650,000 to \$900,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,300,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, materials testing and reporting, survey, traffic control, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Department of Public Works' (Public Works) Marina del Rey Water System Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N59).

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for waterline replacement, is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the operation, maintenance, and repair of water systems. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project will provide an improved water supply system to meet both Fire Department requirements and domestic usage demands for the existing and proposed development of the marina area under the approved Marina del Rey Land Use Plan of 1996.

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This project is to be completed in 55 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January 2013 and be completed in April 2013.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award, execute, and implement this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor and expedite construction delivery.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On August 29, 2006, Agenda Item 48, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

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### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved water service thereby benefiting the community.

#### CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide Contract Compliance)

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